

**CONSTRUCTION SET...** The new Carson High School to be located on Main St. in the Carson area, is shown here in the architect's drawing. Construction of the complex will get underway in August and completion is scheduled for September 1962. The school, a development of the Los Angeles School District, is to handle about 2500 students.

## Construction Due to Get Underway For Carson High

An early August construction start is scheduled for the new Carson High School, a \$4,500,000 complex planned, designed and engineered by Austin, Field & Fry, A.I.A., to meet urgent needs of the expanding Los Angeles School district in this bustling industrial community.

Ellis A. Jarvis, superintendent of schools, said the new facility is one of several "pre-planned" to relieve the pressure of district classroom shortage early last year.

"USING RESERVE funds, we commissioned the architects in January, 1960, to proceed immediately with a master plan and working drawings for Carson High School," Jarvis said. "Ten months later when the school bond issue was authorized by the voters and authority given to build this much-needed high school, the master plan was finished and plans well on the way to completion. In the best interests of the community, this far sighted action has resulted in nearly one year's head start on construction."

Planned for 2500 students, the Carson High School complex may readily be expanded to accommodate 500 more when needed. Four two-story reinforced concrete buildings are to be built around a central rally court to form the basic core of the project. Main entrance to the campus-type development will be through a one level administration building located at 22328 South Main St.

Adjoining these thematic buildings, the architects have projected a number of other structures, each with its planned mission: a large gymnasium with separate locker and shower rooms for boys and girls; a multi-purpose building containing cafeteria and assembly hall; a music building with its specialized choral and instrumental facilities; a large library building; three shop buildings devoted to work in wood, electrical and metal projects, as well as automobile repair and assembly, and drafting and graphics arts; classroom and lab house buildings for agricultural instruction; and service facilities for maintenance, storage and receiving of supplies.

**PARKING IS** provided for approximately 450 automobiles. Athletic facilities include separate turf playgrounds for boys and girls, a football field, baseball diamond, softball diamond, and hard courts for tennis, volleyball, basketball and handball. A regulation size track will encircle the football field. Bleachers on either side of the field will seat 3000 spectators. Night lighting will be included in a future development of the football-track area.

A. F. & F. has worked closely with Ernest Billerbeck, chief architect of the school district, and Diamond Spitzer of the district's architectural staff, through all phases of Carson High School planning. Interpretation and study of long established standards set up by the district for classrooms and facilities.

### Youngsters Special Activities Stated

Alondra Regional Park, 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd., offers games and tournaments every Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. for all children 7 to 14 years old. Everyone is urged to enter and compete in the following tournaments: July 14, carroms; July 21, ping pong; July 26, checkers; Aug. 4, maze.

This activity is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

ilities were emphasized for maximum efficiency in student training.

**CARSON HIGH School** is another in a long list of A. F. & F. school projects which go back to Los Angeles High School, designed by John C. Austin, F.A.I.A. in 1916. In recent years the firm has planned, designed and engineered more than 75 major facilities at high schools and grammar schools throughout Southern California. In addition to planning and design of buildings at colleges and universities in this region, A. F. & F. has masterplanned Chaffey College, Ontario, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, Compton College, and all recent developments for the Compton School system.

Occupation date for the new Carson High School has been tentatively set for the September 1962, opening of school.

## Sailmaker Objects to Zone Change

Omar the Tent Maker may have been content to sit philosophically in the bazaar. But, Kenneth Watts the Sailmaker and his business wife-partner, Polly, have made their opinions clear cut on proposed zoning changes in the vicinity of their world famous workshop at 20905 Earl St. in a letter to the city council.

The Watts, who call their organization largely a family business dependent on "endless hours of hard labor," charge the proposed rezoning of five acres on the southeast corner of Anza and Emerald, from M-1 to R-3, poses a threat to the future of their business. They concede plans for the construction of apartments in the area may be appealing to the landowners but cite figures to indicate the development will add to the burden of the taxpayers of the community.

The Watts name in the sailing world is respected to a point where most internationally famous yachtsmen consider Watts sails made in Torrance as essential as a fast hull. Recently the Watts have added a textile finishing process which will necessitate the erection of a fourth building on their property this fall.

## Vending Co. Selects New Key Franchise

Selection of its first key franchise in Southern California was announced this week by Grocette Vending Machines, Inc., 40 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach. Decker Simonds Enterprises has been assigned responsibility for the operation of automatic food vendors in the coastal cities from Long Beach-Lakewood to Playa del Rey.

Area residents became familiar with the Grocette in the course of the machine's national premiere last October. Public acceptance was immediate and enthusiastic, resulting in international interest and distribution which began last spring, said company spokesmen.

The compact grocery "automats" will be installed in apartment houses, gas stations, trailer parks, yacht landings, and other similar places.

## Disabled Vets Advised to Keep Records Current

Veterans with "rated" disabilities of 50 per cent or more were cautioned today by Veterans Officer Bessie D. Stonacker not to let their official family records get out of date. For these veterans, an increase in number of dependents means an increase in compensation payment.

Under the terms of Public Law 86-490, passed by Congress a little more than a year ago, additional compensation on account of dependents is payable from the effective date of the 50 per cent or higher rating, "provided the basic proof of dependents is received in the Veterans Administration within 60 days from the notification of such rating action."

**ANOTHER LAW** (PL 86-499) authorizes additional compensation for more than three children. If the veteran's 50 per cent or more disability rating is due to "peacetime" service, the additional compensation rates are 80 per cent of the amount payable for wartime service-connected disability.

In any case, it is a good idea for such disabled veterans to contact the local Veterans Service Office, located at 1622 Gramercy Ave., for help in reviewing their compensation entitlement. The telephone number is FA 8-7527.

**THE SERVICE officer** also pointed out, in the same connection, that veterans who enter VA hospitals for treatment of service-connected disabilities do NOT have their rate of compensation raised to 100 per cent automatically. A veteran's compensation may be raised to 100 per cent only if he undergoes surgery for a service-connected disability or has a major, joint immobilized, or if he is confined to the hospital with an organic ailment for more than 21 days.

Misunderstanding of these requirements may work a hardship on the family of a veteran who assumes that his hospitalization means total disability compensation payments.

## Unaligned Headlights Dangerous

The California Highway Patrol suggests to vacationing motorists who are carrying camping equipment in their vehicles or are pulling heavy trailers to be sure their headlights are still in alignment.

"Extra weight in the back of station wagons, in pickup trucks equipped with living quarters, and even in family sedans can tilt the front end of the car enough to raise the headlights to an illegal position," CHP Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden declared. Crittenden said headlights must be strong enough to light the road so that a person or vehicle can be seen for a distance of 100 feet when the low beam is used and 350 feet when the high beam is used. But they must not blind oncoming drivers under any conditions.

"Headlights that are tilted upward because the rear of the vehicle has been lowered by extra weight can blind oncoming drivers and thus be illegal," he said. "This problem can be eliminated by having the lights aligned while the vehicle is loaded and ready for the vacation trip."

## Postage Allowance Minimum for Assemblymen, State Senators

By Charles Edward Chapel  
Assemblyman, 46th District

The Congress of the United States prints and distributes huge quantities of pamphlets, documents, and other reading material on every possible subject. These are mailed out under the franking privilege enjoyed by members of Congress, hence they do not have to put postage stamps on their mail. Unlike the United States government, the state senators and members of the Assembly of the California State Legislature must use postage stamps, or a postage meter, and we are very limited in the amount of postage which we receive from the

State of California. When we exceed this allowance, every stamp is paid for by ourselves, out of our own pockets.

Also, we do not keep on hand documents, reports, and legislative bills. Furthermore, we do not have large staffs to handle mail. For example, I have only a part-time secretary. Therefore, when you want copies of any Assembly Bill or Senate Bill, whether or not it was passed by the Legislature and sent to the governor for signature, please write to the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif.

THE REPORT of the Joint

Interim Committee on the Public Education System was published Nov. 1, 1960, by the State Senate of the California Legislature. You can obtain copies of this report by writing to Joseph A. Beek, Secretary, Senate Chambers, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif. but only one copy is sent to each person.

I do not have, and never had, copies of this publication for distribution. The supply is limited and the document has been available for a long time, hence, it will not be long before no more are available. This is in accordance with the policy of the Legislature to

economize on printing.

**AS REPORTED** in an earlier issue of the Sacramento Report, the State Senate of California prepared a report on the findings of its subcommittee on un-American affairs, but prior to the adjournment of the Legislature at midnight, June 16, the only copy I was able to read was one I borrowed from a newspaper reporter.

All accredited newspaper reporters and one individual representing the University of California received advance copies, in proof form, but the copies for public distribution were made available only re-

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### Car Club Sponsors Car Wash Today

Members of the Brahmins South Bay Car Club are sponsoring a car wash at Berts Signal Gas station, 182nd and Crenshaw, today. Larry Spearman, president of the car club, said that donations would be 75 cents.



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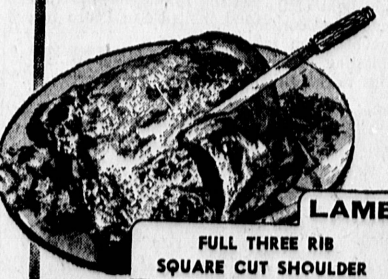
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